

ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Nursing

RULE NO. & TITLE: Rule 610-X-3-.05, Outcome Standards

INTENDED ACTION: The Alabama Board of Nursing proposes to amend the regulations related to outcome standards to specify the reporting period for NCLEX® results.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Alabama Board of Nursing proposes to amend Administrative Code, Rule 610-X-3-.05, Outcome Standards. A copy of the proposed amended rule may be found on the Board's web site, www.abn.alabama.gov, under "laws" and then "proposed rule changes." The proposed changes clarify requirements for the time period a nursing education program has to correct deficiencies related to the national licensure exam scores.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Written or oral comments will be received by the Board of Nursing until 4:30 P.M. on Tuesday, March 6, 2012. Verbal or written comments be directed to N. Genell Lee, Executive Officer, at P.O. Box 303900, Montgomery, AL 36130-3900 or via electronic mail at Genell.Lee@abn.alabama.gov or via telephone at 334-293-5210.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:
The record closes at 4:30 P.M. on Tuesday, March 6, 2012.

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: N. Genell Lee, Executive Officer.

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RULE 610-X-3-.05

OUTCOME STANDARDS

Rule 610-X-3-.05 Outcome Standards

(1) Graduates shall demonstrate theoretical and clinical competence for entry into practice.

(2) Program gGraduates taking the national licensure examination for the first time during the designated reporting period shall achieve, as a composite of first-time writers, ~~shall achieve~~ no less than an eighty percent (80%) pass rate on a board-selected national licensure exam. The designated reporting period is the Board's fiscal year, which runs from October 1 of one year to September 30 of the following year.

(3) Programs shall adhere to their written plan for the systematic evaluation of the total program that is comprehensive, demonstrates ongoing evaluation, is based on program outcomes and incorporates continuous improvement. The systematic evaluation plan shall include:

(a) Collection, aggregation, analysis and trending of data.

(b) Programmatic outcomes, levels of achievement, evaluative criteria, assignment of responsibility, frequency of assessment, methods of achievement, actions taken and quantitative data collected.

(c) Ongoing evaluation and revisions based on the evaluation.

(d) A mechanism for accountability for academic integrity.

(4) Programs shall maintain and produce at the Board's request, an articulation plan for program graduates.

Author: Alabama Board of Nursing

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §34-21-5

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